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Dear Ms. Benesh,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER
DON-NAVY-2019-001346

We are writing to provide an interim release to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 November 2018, regarding "...all water testing records for all Navy installations concerning contamination by PFAS chemicals."

We have identified and mailed 432 records on 19 DVD discs in response to items 1-3 of your request, (i.e., all water testing data from the UCMR3 for all installations required to comply with UCMR3, all testing data from any subsequent monitoring since UCMR3, and all water testing data from installations which were not required to test under UCMR3). We expect to provide the final set of records to you by December 15, 2019, as agreed upon on July 18, 2019.

The Navy has proactively tested its drinking water systems and taken action where PFOS/PFOA levels in drinking water systems were above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Health Advisory of 70 parts per trillion. We work with community and regulatory agencies to identify and implement long-term solutions for alternative drinking water. We will continue to review historical documents and collect soil and groundwater samples to identify areas that may have been impacted by PFOS/PFOA.

The raw data of drinking water sample results (i.e., finished water) for 17 naval facilities is provided in this response. EPA has established health advisories for only PFOS/PFOA; thresholds or information on risks and toxicity for other PFAS chemicals has not been established and sampling results included for these other chemicals are provided for information only. There are no responsive records for item 6 of your request (i.e., correspondence with the water testing laboratories concerning the PFAS testing capabilities of the laboratory).

The Navy adheres to laboratory quality standards that the Department of Defense (DoD) Environmental Data Quality Workgroup (EDQW) presents in the Quality Systems Manual (QSM) for Environmental Laboratories. The QSM provides baseline requirements for the establishment and management of quality systems for laboratories performing analytical testing services for the DoD. In accordance with the QSM and regulatory requirements all drinking water samples are analyzed at state certified drinking water laboratories.

The Navy is committed to protecting human health and ensuring the supply of safe drinking water to its sailors, family members, and civilians. As part of this commitment, we will continue our comprehensive efforts to investigate, mitigate, and address releases of PFOS/PFOA as appropriate to ensure continued protection of human health.

If you consider this response an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within this web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, abby.machalec@navy.mil. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2019-001346 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,



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Chief Management Officer

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